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CLAIMS

1. A method of assembling a book, comprising the
2 steps of:
 - (A) specifying pagination information including an
4 indication of whether a page is to be selectively
included in the book;
 - 6 (B) determining whether the page is to be assembled
into the book based on the pagination information; and
 - 8 (C) generating page description language
instructions for production of the book in accordance
10 with the pagination information.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the determining
2 step comprises the step of analyzing variable information
areas of the page.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the
2 step of analyzing press commands directed to production
of the book to determine whether the page is to be
4 assembled into the book.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the
2 step of generating a pagination file having data
representative of the pagination information.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination
2 information includes an indication of a maximum number of
pages for the book.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination
2 information includes filler page information.

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7. The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination
2 information includes a specification of whether the page
should be forced to one of a right side and a left side
4 of the book.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the
2 step of specifying page description language instructions
to produce a barcode on the page.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the barcode is
2 indicative of tracking information.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of
2 generating page description language instructions
comprises the step of generating instructions for
4 production of page numbering information on the page.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of
2 generating page description language instructions
comprises the step of generating instructions for
4 insertion of filler pages in accordance with the
pagination information.

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising the
2 step of delivering the page description language
instructions to an electronic press to print the book.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of
2 specifying the pagination information comprises the step
of providing a user interface for entry of the pagination
4 information.